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# The British Apollo:

OR,

## *Curious Amuſements for the* INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

## Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

*Perform'd by a Soci*[illegible] *of* GENTLEMEN.

From Friday February 24th. to Monday February 27th. 1710.

Q. GEntlemen, *How many are the Graces, and what Appellation hath each Grace which God gives his People to Work out their Salvation? Yours,* Jo. Chap.

*A.* Divines have given us ſeveral Diſtinctions of Grace, under the Names of exciting, aſſiſting, Operating, cooperating, preventing and ſubſequent Grace, about each of which they have multiply'd Diſputes. But there is more of Subtilty than real Uſe in theſe Diſtinctions, the Knowledge of which conſtitute nothing to the Improvement of a Man's Faith or Practice. We do not deny the different Degrees of Grace according as a Man advances in the Work of Salvation: Yet we think it ſufficient for any Chriſtian only to know that by the Grace of God reveal'd in the Goſpel is meant, the Beginning, Progreſs, and Completion of all ſaving Good, without the Cooperation of which he can neither think nor perform any Thing conducing to his Salvation. This Notion of Grace the Scripture will warrant; but moſt of the other Diſtinctions (particularly that of ſufficient and efficacious Grace, about which mere Subtilty ſo much Noiſe has been made in the World) are purely the Inventions of Men, about which no Man need to be ſollicitous.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire You to Reconcile* Mark 2. 25. 26. *with* 1 Sam. 21. v. 1. *and* 22. v. 20.

*In the Former of theſe,* viz. Mark 2. 25. *Our Saviour aſſerting the Lawfulneſs of his Diſciples Act in Plucking the Ears of Corn on the Sabbath-day, Quotes the Act of* David *in eating Shew-bread on the ſame Day, further adding, and* he Gave alſo Unto them that were with him. *And yet in* Sam. 21. 1. *the Prieſt ſeems ſurpriz'd to ſee him alone, which he alſo acknowledges, pretending to have left his Servants at an Appointed Place, tho' we do not read of his taking any Company at his Departure from the Stone* Eſel, *or that any had Intelligence of his flight but his Truſty Friend* Jonathan.

*This is Related* Mark 2. 26. *as done in the Days of* Abiathar *the Prieſt, whereas it is Evidens from* Samuel 21. 1. *that it was acted when* Ahimeleck *was Prieſt?* Yours, O. L.

*A.* We do not ſee any Appearance of Difficulty in the firſt Part of this Queſtion; for what our Saviour ſays agrees well enough with what is related in 1 *Sam.* 21. And tho' *David* might appear alone before the Prieſt, yet he lets him underſtand, that the Shew bread which he deſir'd was not for himſelf alone but likewiſe for his Company or Servants, which he had very probably appointed to wait for him at ſome little Diſtance. And the Prieſt gives it him on Condition that the Young Men had kept themſelves from Women: To which *David* anſwers, *Women have been kept from us,* &c. including himſelf amongſt them, which plainly implies that he had Company waiting for him.

In anſwer to the ſecond Part of the Query, it appears from 1 *Chron.* 24. 2, 3. that there were two Prieſts that perform'd the Prieſtly Office, tho' one was the chief Prieſt, and the other ſecond to him, as we read 2 *Kings* 25. 18. *Abiathar* therefore muſt have been a Prieſt when this was done, and his Father's Deputy, becauſe he ſucceeded him in the Office of chief Prieſt, as was uſual for Deputies to do. And his Name might be properly uſed by our Saviour, becauſe he was preſent at the Fact here related, and by his Conſent and Counſel it was done. Beſides, our Saviour ſaid this was done in the Days of *Abiathar* rather than *Abimelech*, becauſe the Name of the firſt was more known to the *Jews*, as having been chief Prieſt a long Time in the Reign of *David*.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray Inform me how the ten Tribes of the* Jews *came to be Loſt, and whether the* Tartars *and* Turks *be not the People. Yours,* &c.

*A.* Several Authors of Credit derive the *Tartars* from theſe ten Tribes that were carry'd away captive by *Salmanazar*. And if we believe the Viſions of *Eſdras* (Book 4. Chap. 13.) theſe *Iſraelites*, after having lived ſome time in *Aſſyria*, whither they had been carry'd Captive, took Counſel among themſelves to leave the Heathen, and go into a Country where never Mankind dwelt, in order to keep their Statutes, which they never kept in their own Land: And after they had paſſed over the River *Euphrates*, which ſtop'd it's Courſe to favour their Paſſage, they came into the Region call'd *Arſareth*, which, he ſays, was a great way off. This Country *Ortelius* has plac'd in his Mapps at the Eaſtern Bounds of *Tartary*; and the Hiſtory of this

People is related by *M. Paulus*, who with his Father and Unkle lived several Years in the Court of the Great *Cham*; but more particularly by *Anthony* the *Armenian* who has writ concerning the Original of the *Tartars*. A brief Account of which see in *Purchas*'s Pilgrimage.

Q. A. *and* B. *make a Stock of* 12000 l. A. *continues his Stock* 4 *Months, and* B. *his* 8 *Months; the whole Gain is* 3000 l. A's *Stock and Gain is* 5000 l. *The Question is, what was both their Stocks.*

*A.* A's Stock was 4338 *l.* with which he gain'd in 4 Months 662 *l.* B's Stock was 7662 *l.* with which he gain'd in 8 Months 2338 *l.*

Q. *If* 6 l. *of Gold weighs* 5 l. *in Water, and* 4 l. *of Silver weighs* 3 l. *in Water, and a Mass consisting of both weighs* 23 l. *in the Air, and* 19 l. *in Water, to determin the Quantity of Gold and Silver in that Mass.*

*A.* Upon this Supposition, the specifick Gravities of the Gold, Silver and mix'd Metal will be as 19⅕, 17½, (which is far from being true in Fact, however we shall allow the Suppotition) and 19 which call *a*, *b* and *c*, and call the mix'd Metal *x*+*y*. Now, since the absolute Weight of Bodies is compounded of their Bulk and specifick Gravity, *ax* will be the Weight of *x*, *by* the Weight of *y*, and *cx*+*cy* the Weight of *x*+*y*. Therefore *ax*+*by* = *cx*+*cy*: and *ax*—*cx* = *cy*—*by*; and consequently *c*—*b* : *a*—*c* :: *x* : *y*: That is 21 is to 2, as the Weight of the Gold is to the Weight of the Silver in the given Mass. Therefore there must be 21 *l.* of Gold and 2 *l.* of Silver in the given Mass to make it Weigh 23 *l.* in the Air, and 19 *l.* in Water, as was supposed. This is the famous Proposition that *Archimedes* found out to detect the Fraud in *Hiero*'s Crown, with which Discovery it is said he was so transported, that he leap'd out of the Bath where he was, and run about naked, crying Εὕρηκα, Εὕρηκα.

Q. *I was much surpriz'd at an* Advertisement *I read in your Paper on the* 20*th of the last Month, where* Mr. Grant *Informs the World, that no less than* 30 *Persons, Blind, or very defective in their Sight, who were by him Cur'd, met at one time at the* Cross keys *Tavern in* Cornhil: *Since we have so many Impostures abroad, I shou'd be glad if you cou'd satisfy me in the Truth hereof.*

*A.* Being Strangers to the Gentleman, we had but lately an Opportunity to enquire into the truth of it, and were satisfy'd by the Master of the House that he was very Modest in his Account, there being about 60 there in all. This gave a Curiosity to some of our Society, who are not wholly Strangers to the Art he professes, to [illegible] an Opportunity of having some Converse with him; who found his Notions so clear and his Reasons for all he alledg'd of such force, that they think themselves oblig'd in Respect to his great Knowledge in what he professes, to declare to the World, that they believe there is not a greater Master in what he pretends to, than himself. For this also we have the Opinion of the greatest Physicians in *England*.

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*An* Advertisement *sent to be inserted in the* British Apollo, *subscrib'd* John Dunton.

We shou'd expect no Pardon from our Readers, shou'd we insert all the wretched ridiculous Stuff in it, yet shall omit nothing, wherein he fancies himself Satyrical on us.

Whereas in a late Book of his, containing a Hodge Podge of Matter, as Whimsical and Nonsensical, as it's Title of *Atheniansism*. He had grossly abus'd a Gentleman at the beginning of his *Advertisment*, he says he rectify'd that Mistake in his Dedication, which is grosly false, for he only hints at two others (according to his usual Blunders) as Authors of what he charg'd to the said Gentleman's account, without recanting one of the notorious Abuses he gave him, is this rectifying? but he will soon find the Gentleman sufficient to Answer for himself, in a way suitable to such Affronts. The next Article of his *Advertisment*, is his Pretensions to the *Question Project*; tho' we have sufficiently answer'd his Absurdities herein, yet hereafter we shall shew by his own Writings, that he appears a Stranger to the Persons concern'd in the *Athenian Oracle* ——He proceeds——that before he had read six of the *British Apollo*'s, he sent to the Authors to desire them to give a Character to the World of his Book call'd *Atheniansism*. But since he has read all the *British Apollo*'s He finds their Answers very Weak, Imperfect and Erroneous, and is heartily glad they said nothing of his Book. Alas! Poor *J. Dunton*, what Fate is upon thee, that thou canst not avoid discovering with thine own Hand, both thy base Principles and wretched Folly! In your Book you condemn all the *Apollo*'s in Gross. That the Authors were barren Fellows, Simpletons, have answer'd but few Questions but what were answer'd before by the *Athenians*, &c. Is not this a very Honest Fellow to say all this, yet owns several Months after, he had never read six of the *Apollo*'s. And a very wise Fellow, upon reading only the first 6 (which all know contain'd very slight Matters, the Paper being, in it's Infancy, to what follow'd) to desire we wou'd give his Book Credit by our Approbation; and yet when he had read many after, on which we have been Complimented by several of the most Learned and Ingenious of both Universities and *Royal-Society*, to be pleas'd we gave him not a Character and is he not a very Impudent Fellow, to give such Judgment on our Answers, when he is universally known to have no more knowledge in Mysteries of *Divinity, Philosophy, Mathematics*, and other Arts and Sciences, than an Infant in Universal Languages! But to set Matters in a right Light, and give the Reader the Reason why he sent this *Advertisement* to Banter us, according to the Wit the World must expect from him in all his Whimsies. On the 11th of *Jan.* 1710, he sent a Letter to one of our Society, to meet on Accomodation of Terms, for being mutually concern'd. Which we declin'd, as scorning to lessen our selves so much, as to be concern'd with one of his Character. In another Letter soon after, he desir'd a Meeting to sign a Mutual Act of Oblivion, for Matters past, and never to Injure one another's Interest. Tho' his seeking to us, shew him under Apprehensions, we being under none from him, declin'd the Meeting. He added, If *ANY PART* of his *Atheniansism* can *MERIT* our *FRIENDLY CHARACTER*, &c. He wou'd desire it, and at the *FIRST APPEARANCE* of *Dunton's Apollo*, it shall be *HONOURABLY* and *OFTEN REQUIED*. He also gave us one of his Books to bribe us to it, but we finding, to recommend that Book wou'd reflect on our selves, and yet to be complimented by *Dunton's Apollo*, wou'd still reflect on us more, we therefore declin'd a Recommendation and return'd his Book: And now finding that we slighted all his Addresses to us, he pretends to be glad, that we condescended not to him: But, alas, every one knows why the Fox said the Grapes were sow'r, and a Goose may Copy after a Fox. Hereafter we shall give substantial Reasons, why we recommended not his Book, and other Matters may a little Divert the Town.

Q. *If at the Game of* Whisk *one Side has got* 8, *and the other* 9, *if Honers be not reckon'd at* 9, *which Side has the Odds?*

*A.* The Side that has got 8 seems to have the Advantage, because that Side seems to have Two Chances to One.

# POEMS.

Q. AS Homer *ſung the tedious Seige of* Troy,
*So you the Wars,* Britannia's *Sons, deſtroy.*
*As* Ovid's *Numbers did the* Romans *move,*
*And taught their Youth the Myſteries of Love;*
*So your Melodious* Lays *the Soul inſpire,*
*With melting Tenderneſs and ſoft Deſire.*
*Adviſe a Swain free from Love's cogent Force,*
*Where to reſort to fix his laſting Choice.*
*Gay* Albion's *Fair, their Imperfections hide,*
*From ſtricteſt view, by their luxuriant Pride.*
*Their ſprightly Airs a* Cynick's *Breaſt would warm,*
*Their ſumptuous Robes the raviſh'd Eye doth charm.*
*Their Lively Wit, their Soft, yet Manly Soul,*
*With pleaſing Force doth Reaſon's Power controul.*
*By Vertue's ſtricteſt Rules they ſeem to move,*
*Their very Faults inſpire the Soul with Love.*
*But then——*
*The Country Nymphs, free from Deceit or Art,*
*With Native Truth and Beauty gain the heart.*
*In their bright Innocence, and untaught Air,*
*(Tho' ſometimes Aukvard) Lovely Charms appear.*
*Sweet are their Accents, free from faithleſs Wiles,*
*Unfeign'd their Friendſhip, Artleſs are their Smiles.*
*Their Converſe (tho' not coquet, brisk and gay)*
*The greateſt Tranſports of the Heart convey.*
*And where they fix' their Choice like Turtle-Doves,*
*Not fickle Fortune, nor ev'n Death removes.*
*Say, Amorous* Bards, *where ſhall I ſeek my Love,*
*From* Albion's *Throng, or from ſome rural Grove.*

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*A.* The Native *Innocence* of Rural Dames,
More tempts Aſſailants, than Protects their Fames;
Which may (not being importun'd) abide,
*And th' Nymph may well be Chaſte, was never try'd.*
Whilſt Great *Auguſta*'s Daughters, freer move,
And Arm'd againſt Diſhonorable Love,
With ſcorn reſiſt the Treacherous Aſſault
Of ſuch, who boldly make their *Love* their *Fault.*
If Jealous, that the freedom of the Town,
The Fame of Wit, and Beauty's bright Renown,
Do render them more liable to Crimes,
More ready to imbrace the Vices of the Times;
Yet this will put you on your Guard, from whence
Your Honor's Safe, and their fair Innocence.
Whereas the Nymph, who's Ignorant of Arts,
That *Ignorance* it ſelf will conquer Hearts,
Whilſt unſuſpected, She ſecurely Roves,
And ſubt'ly manages her *ARTLESS LOVES*;
For *Nature*'s ſelf (when Prone) will teach 'em more,
Than *Art* with all it's Aids cou'd do before.

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*The* Prologue, *that was ſpoken by Mrs.* Bradſhaw *at the* Theatre Royal, *to the* Tragedy *call'd* Elfrid, *or the* Fair Inconſtant, *Feb.* 21.

SINCE formidable Spleen o'erpow'rs the Nation,
A Woman may complain by Right of Faſhion,
This, 'tis preſum'd, The Fair will own moſt true,
So I'll plead Privilege——and addreſs to you.
But, ſince the ruthful Things I mean to ſay,
Are to be ſpoke before a Tragic Play,
Thus I'll declaim in the Romantic way.
When ſtormy Winds o'er the rough Ocean fly,
And the rebellious Surges ſweep the Sky,
Till the tall Bark, that *Late*, with Virgin Pride,
Daſh'd the rude Billows from her courted Side,
And roar'd Reſentment thro' the murm'ring Tide.
Bulges, unhelp'd amidſt the mountain'd Plain,
And drives, disjointed, o'er the foamy Main;
What might not Thoſe wreck'd Souls have Leave (to ſay,
Who felt the Planks, that bore 'em, ſnatch'd away?
So we, The Children of this Ancient Stage,
Who once, Unrival'd, cou'd your Smiles Engage,
And, when rough Storms had plung'd us in Deſpair,
Still floated on the Favors of the Fair;
Since now no more we That *Laſt* Hold maintain,
At leaſt may be permitted to complain.
Forgive us therefore, Ladies, that we dare
A Senſe of your Partialities declare,
You crowd the *New* Houſe, and then cry——*The* (*OLD*
*Has ſuch thin Boxes, that they give one Cold.*
Why, do but fill Thoſe Boxes when we play,
And never doubt, but we can find a way
To keep the Ladies Warm as well as They?
Oh! But——*Your Houſe is grown ſo common to one,*
*For mere Variety we chuſe the New One.*
Shou'd ſome new Face a Husband's Heart eſtrange,
And The wrong'd Wife require his Cauſe of Change,
How wou'd this Anſwer ſound to one of You?
*Why f---h! I love her beſt——becauſe ſhe's New.*
That This were Juſt, few Women cou'd agree,
Now make our Caſe your own, and then decree.
Some of The Fair, 'tis ſaid, diſpleas'd appear,
That we act *Tragedy* too often here;
Why, 'tis *Your* keeping from us, makes us *Sad,*
See 'em, and we'll play *Comedies* like mad,
Cou'd we but get ought by't, we'd laugh to chuſe,
But 'tis *too hard* to make Them laugh, who loſe.

*N. B.* In our next Paper will be the late new *Prologue* to *Don Quixot*, ſpoke by Mr. *Bickerſtaff* in the *Theatre-Royal*, for his own Benefit, and in the following Paper, the *Epilogue* to the ſame Play, by *Miſs Santlow.*

No *Prologues* or *Epilogues*, will be inſerted here, but what are New, and no where elſe publiſh'd.

In laſt Paper, Col. 6. L. 32. for, *tho'* Luck, r. *the Luck.*

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*SIR,*

LONDON, Feb. 27. We have Advice from Conſtantinople that the Truce between the Ottoman Port and the Czar of Muſcovy is prolong'd, but 'tis not yet known for how many Years. This Report has been ſpread ſeveral times, but which makes more Credit the ſame is that the Ambaſſadors of the Emperor and Ve-

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nice have written that they were assur'd it was true.

'Tis confirm'd from Rome of the 8th that the Pope is very well recover'd of his late Indisposition, and appears every day in Publick, applying himself to Public Busines, and giving Audiences but the Court of France are not confident of his living long, and for that reason the Cardinals of that Nation are preparing to go thither by the way of Marseilles, and 'tis said that some of them are already set out for that purpose.

They write from Milan that the Marquis de Litta, Commissary of the Emperor, in that Country is busy about regulating the Contributions which the Grand Duke of Tuscany and other Princes and States of Italy are to pay to the Emperor for the Charges of the next Campain.

And from Genoa that the said Commissary has caus'd a Proclamation to be publish'd there for the Sale of all the Estates belonging to the Duke of Turris and other Princes and Grandees which have been Confiscated to the Benefit of the Emperor, and 'tis said that 80000 Pistoles have been already been offer'd for the Dutchy of Mirandola.

The Regency of the Milaneze have at last agreed that the Vigevaneze (which makes part of that Dutchy) should be dismember'd from the same, and gave to the Duke of Savoy according to his Demands, so that all Differences between the Emperor and his Royal Highness are like to be adjusted in a little time, this being the most difficult point to adjust, and at the same time They write from Turin that their Duke continues his warlike Preparations in order to joyn the Germans and take the Field early this Spring with his Army, which 'tis said he will Augment to 25000 Men and Command the same in Person.

We hear that the Duke of Rutland, the Earl of Exeter, and several other Lords, who were in the Country, are come to Town to assist at the Tryal of Dr. Sacheverel. 'Tis said that the Lords will sit only 4 hours every day at that Tryal, from ten to two in the Afternoon.

The Allies are making great Preparations in Flanders, in order to make an Early Campain in Case a Peace be not Effected before that time.

One Mr. Felt a Bookseller in Norwich was taken up last Week and Committed for Counterfeiting Stamp-Papers and Parchment. Dr. Bull Bishop of St. David, is dead. Which is all from Yours, &c.

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